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Mr. Lewis Gulick
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Dear Lew:

By your letter of 21 August, you appealed to the CIA Information Review Committee the Agency decision not to declassify the documents which you had requested in your letter of 6 July 1972.

The Committee has examined the decision conveyed to you in my letter of 16 August and determined that all of the documents in question are exempt from the General Declassification Schedule under the provisions of 5(B)(2) of Executive Order 11652. Certain documents are also further exempt under Sections 5(B)(1), (3), or (4) of this Executive Order. If this identification of the reason for continuing the Classification permits you to file a further rebuttal, the Committee will reconsider its decision in the light of such information. If not, you may appeal this denial to the Inter-agency Classification Review Committee, in accordance with the pertinent Executive Order and the CIA implementing regulation. As you know, the Executive Director of the Committee is Mr. David R. Young of the National Security Council Staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

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Central Intelligence Agency
Information Review Committee
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Executive Registry

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Dear Sirs:

I hereby appeal the decision, conveyed to me by Mr. Thuermer by letter dated 16 August, denying my request of 16 July for "Central Intelligence Bulletins and Situation Reports pertaining to the operation to overthrow Guatemalan President Jacobo Arbenz, June 1-30, 1954."

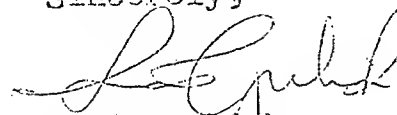
Since Mr. Thuermer's 16 August letter cited only Section 5 (B) of Executive Order 11652, without any specifics as to which portion of Section 5 (B) was being invoked or the justification therefor, it gives me no opportunity to present to you a specific rebuttal to whatever reasoning lies behind the rejection.

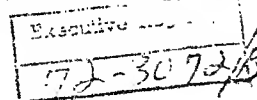
As a general proposition, in line with the intent of the Presidential Order and with the longstanding practice of declassifying historical documents, may I point out that:

--the U.S. role in the Arbenz overthrow (see also my request to CIA dated 1 June) long has been discussed publicly by U.S. officials and others. President Eisenhower, for example, devoted pp. 421-7 to the affair in his book "Mandate for Change."

--such major figures in the affair as Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles, Arbenz and Castillo Armas no longer are living.

Sincerely,


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Dear Lew:

In further response to your request of 6 July, the Agency component responsible for the matter advises that it has considered your request in light of Executive Order 11652 and, in particular, Section 5(B), and has concluded that the documents requested must remain classified. Your request accordingly is denied.

You may appeal this decision directly to the Central Intelligence Agency Information Review Committee, established pursuant to Section 7(B)(2) of Executive Order 11652. Such an appeal should be by letter or other written communication, addressed to the above-named Committee, in care of the undersigned, and should (1) indicate the decision being appealed, and (2) present any information or justification you wish to submit.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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Dear Lew:

I have your letter dated 6 June (apparently 6 July was the date) requesting certain documents. Your request has been referred to appropriate officials and we will have a substantive reply for you at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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